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Threat of war felt at SJSU

By Kimberly Lapham
Daily Staff Writer

With the exception of the University Police Department, San Jose State University appears to be continuing with few changes to its routine as threats of war and terrorism loom.

Lt. Col. Richard Werling, professor of aerospace studies, said although the subject of war enters classroom discussions, the Air Force ROTC program has seen little change as a response to the possibility of war. In fact, enrollment has broken about even, Werling said. While he said a handful of students have left, others have joined as a possible result of increased patriotism. He said he and other professors in the program will stay and teach but would serve in a war if necessary.

The administration of justice department has offered courses on terrorism and the criminal justice system since 1985. Lecturer Patrick Meyering teaches the course this semester, which covers terrorism from 25 A.D. to the present. He said that although the media treats terrorism as a new phenomenon, it is not. He also said the course will definitely cover the subject of current terrorism acts.

Peter Charles Unsinger, professor of administration of justice, also taught the terrorism course and suggested avoiding crowds and reporting strange and abnormal occurrences to the university police.

"There is nothing to say (bombing) won't start occurring here," Unsinger said. "Al-Qaida will target symbolic targets that concurrently kick imperialism in the shins. Does San Jose State offer such targets — symbolic and world economy-related? I can't really see a target."

The university police has changed routine and made preparations, however.

Capt. Bruce Lowe of the University Police Department said officers have received ongoing training to deal with current events better than they did prior to Sept. 11. Although the campus police department has undergone organizational changes to better enable them to respond to emergency situations, officers are doing what they always do, he said.

"The general public is not going to see a change," Lowe said.

The university police are part of a Bay Area intelligence network in association with the FBI and all university, state, city and county law enforcement agencies.

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Swirling together to the music



Photos By Saori Yoneda / Daily Staff

RIGHT: Kyla Gleitsman, a junior art major, danced with Ronaldo Guiang, a junior computer engineering major, after attending a beginning Latin dance class Monday in the Spartan Complex East.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Culture versus color: searching for identity

By Rebecca Villaneda
Daily Staff Writer

"People who look of African American descent have to deal with prejudices and have to frequently deal with conversations that refer to the color of our skin," said Ruth Wilson, a professor in the African American studies department.

"African American" and "black" are the terms at hand.

"Most people will accept either African American or black but the most dominant terminology is African American," Wilson said.

Scott Brown, a junior majoring in psychology, said it does not matter to him personally because neither can define him as a person.

"When Caucasians are born in America do we refer to them as Irish-Americans?" Brown asked.

"Just refer to me as an American. Take out the African, I was born here

and I know my American history above all over the history of Africa."

Steven M. Miller, an African American studies professor, prefers the term African American, he said, because it is related to culture not complexion.

"It reflects the fact that African Americans have become an American ethnic group tied together with a common past," Miller said. "And it shares taste in things like food, music, religion, slang, beauty, styles, political

and civil heroes."

Time has changed the way we refer to each other said Tracy Jenkins, a senior majoring in sociology.

"Technically we are Americans with descents from Africa so African American is the politically correct terminology," he said.

African American is used in the media, in health book references, said Wilson of the comparison.

"It also depends on the setting," Jenkins said. "If I am in class I will use

African American but when I am with my friends I tend to use black, or just plain old Tracy, that works, too."

Christina Shephard, a freshman majoring in art said she would rather people use the term black because not all people have direct ancestral ties in Africa.

"I have white ancestry in my blood that I can trace quicker than my African lineage. It is not a huge deal

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Budget hurt pay gap between CSU, other state schools

By Sunita Vijayan
Daily Staff Writer

The California State University system may have more to worry about other than just the issue of state budget cuts.

According to the California Faculty Association, if the faculty salary gap

between California and other states continues to grow at its current pace, "California may lose the competitive edge in hiring the best people to teach in its universities."

Patricia Evridge Hill, president of the San Jose State University chapter and statewide secretary of the California Faculty Association said that CSU faculties are, "being paid 12 percent below

the average of what other universities are paying."

According to the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the 12 percent refers to the percentage of average salaries in the State University which would have to increase in order to equal the average salaries projected to be paid by the comparison institutions in 2003-04.

Hill said because of the recent state budget cut backs, she does not think the gap will be closing in any time soon.

"We're not going to be able to close

the 12 percent gap when the government is cutting back funds in the CSU system," she said. "The people of California need to think very seriously about being more willing to invest in public universities."

Hill said she fears that the growing disparity in the pay gap will lead to a decline in quality of faculties and students.

"For the past couple of years, faculty from the CSU have been moving out of the state," Hill said. "Teachers are going everywhere because, unless you go to

Hawaii, this is a very expensive area to live in."

The growing gap in faculty salaries between California and other states is an issue that not only concerns faculty but students too.

More and more students are going to be affected as senior faculty members retire, the CSU and the California Faculty Association are going to lose a lot especially when we have to compete to hire quality faculty, Hill said.

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Dampened spirits



JaShong King / Daily Staff

With an umbrella over her head, nursing major Jerusalem Dagnahua walked home along Paseo de San Antonio during a light rain shower, Wednesday afternoon.

A.S. holds first meeting of semester

By Rebecca Villaneda
Daily Staff Writer

Associated Students held a meeting Wednesday regarding proposals such as banning smoking on campus, an online book exchange program and a possible fee referendum that would affect students at San Jose State University.

Measure W, which was proposed by Alice Tsai, director of student rights and responsibilities would help gather student's opinions on smoking on campus. The policy would give students the option of changing the current smoking ordinance, which requires smokers to be at least 15 feet from a building while smoking. If passed, the policy may alter the distance or ban smoking altogether.

Dennis Acha, an SJSU student and an activist for the Lung Cancer Association, spoke during the public forum.

"SJSU needs stronger tobacco enforcement and I support this measure fully," Acha said.

Measure W is only a consideration to revise the campus smoking policy,

and Associated Students and the Academic Senate said they want to include students in this policy.

Also on the agenda was Measure X, proposed by Lorenzo Deveza, the vice president and chairman of the board. It proposes "University Hour" which there will be no classes. This midday break is aimed at enhancing school spirit, Deveza said.

Also addressed by the A.S. Board of Directors was a resolution opposing unilateral U.S. military action in Iraq.

"Basically this resolution is in support of the U.S. armed forces if the U.S. does go to war, but we do not agree with the policy that sends them there," said Alfonso De Alba, A.S. executive director.

The members of the board said it is their responsibility to represent the views of the SJSU student population and take a stance on the issue. A.S. will support military personnel serving in the war to preserve freedoms and the American way of life. Should the U.S. soldiers be sent to Iraq, the board said they would support the military even though they may oppose the policy that sent them there.

Next in the line of business was the discussion of a fee referendum. This would increase students' fees to support services that are most impacted.

"We have yet to get the green light for this referendum," De Alba said. "It is further being discussed by the level of powers necessary."

"If passed, we may see library hours, student union hours and child development hours cut, amongst other services."

The deficit would have students paying an approximate \$39 more if the fee referendum is passed.

"Again, this may not materialize," De Alba said. "We hope the state will resolve SJSU's deficit, otherwise this millions of dollar deficit will be nothing compared to the deficit we will be facing in the next few years."

Unanimously, A.S. voted on an online book exchange program that will allow students to sell textbooks to other students via an online posting forum. The purpose of this program is for students to bypass the middleman in obtaining used books as well as a more financially effective method members said.

SUDS FROM MY SOAPBOX

There's more to the news story than meets the eye

Just because you read the whole article doesn't mean you know the whole story.

In 1996, the Telecommunications Act was passed and with it the communications landscape was altered. According to the Federal Communications Commission Web site, "The goal of this new law is to let anyone enter any communications business — to let any communications business compete in any market against any other."

Bravo and ballyhoo for the business world.

Boo hoo for those of us who want information untainted by media conglomerates and mega corporations and the U.S. government.

Last week at Santa Clara University a program was held in which the documentary, "Fear and Favor in the Newsroom," was shown.

The video recounted stories of reputable journalists, among them Pulitzer Prize and Emmy Award winners, who had faced censorship, restraint and job loss, while covering stories such as racist bank lending practices, civilian carnage in Iraq during the Gulf War, and a nuclear power plant's financial struggles.

The executive editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Bill Kovach, resigned after the owners of the paper, Cox Enterprises, opposed the aggressive reporting Kovach was encouraging on issues such as racist bank lending practices.

Frances Cerra was a journalist for the New York Times whose report on the financial problems of a nuclear power plant in New Jersey was scrapped by her editor, and she was

told the story might do damage to the plant's stock prices.

Jon Alpert was a reporter for NBC who succeeded in videotaping civilian carnage in Iraq during the Gulf War and smuggling it out of Iraq. The president of NBC News fired Alpert and also canceled his report.

In each of these cases, ties to big business loomed like a controlling parent looking over a naughty child.

Businesses have interests at heart beyond getting unfettered news out to the public.

Businesses have interests in their stock.

Businesses have interests in other businesses.

For example, NBC is not just NBC.

NBC is owned by General Electric, which has many interests, including manufacturing military equipment.

The Walt Disney Company owns ABC, Fox, ESPN, Adelphia Publications, a National Hockey League team, a Major League Baseball team and much more.

Oh, they also have investments in United Airlines.

The First Amendment guarantees us freedom of the press.

It was designed to act as a check and balance on the three branches of government.

It was not meant to act as a vehicle for advertising and promoting only that which best serves the communicator.



ANNE WARD

The mega corporations are not the only infringers of this powerful tool.

Our own government has taken patriarchal positions attempting to deny its citizens information.

The General Accounting Office recently dropped a suit against Vice President Cheney in which the GAO was requesting the names of those people he met with as head of the energy task force.

Cheney is refusing, claiming executive privilege — a benefit that is usually reserved for presidents.

Former President Clinton claimed executive privilege during the Whitewater scandal.

Another former president who has claimed executive privilege is Richard Nixon, who refused to release tape recordings of White House conversations. When the tapes were finally made public and implicated him in the Watergate break-ins, he resigned days later.

The current administration has displayed fierce levels of secrecy and tried to pass legislation restricting the flow of information available to the public.

The terrorist acts of 9/11 have provided the administration with a foundation of fear from which to work, maintaining protectionism for citizens.

The 1978 Presidential Records Act instructs current administrations to release documents from former adminis-

trations, 12 years after the former has left the White House.

The 12-year anniversary of the end of the Reagan administration passed in 2001, George W. Bush's first year in office.

Bush moved to block the release of thousands of those documents.

That same year he agreed, with Clinton's permission, to release documents detailing conversations between Clinton and Israel's then-prime minister, Ehud Barak.

Traditionally, discussions between heads of state are not released.

The eagerness of the Bush administration to release those documents starkly contrasts the vehement attempt taken to block the Reagan documents from release.

From the eyes of this news consumer and journalist, the Bush administration could be accused of spitting on the First Amendment.

We need open access to information.

Information teaches us about health concerns, pollution, inequities, abuses, catastrophes, injustices and so much more.

When that information is filtered or suppressed, WE are suppressed.

That's not supposed to be the American way.

So, read with discretion.

Question everything you read and demand more.

Anne Ward is the Spartan Daily Projects Editor. 'Suds From My Soapbox' appears every other Thursday.

Viewpoint | Media should not jump to conclusions

Dear Editor,

Recently the media has portrayed Scott Peterson as a man who is guilty of killing his wife. The First Amendment of the Constitution gives everyone the right of free speech, specifically the press. But there is a limit at which the media goes too far.

Everyday I see broadcasts about new evidence that supports the guilt of Scott Peterson. It seems to me that in the eyes of the media (and thus the public), Scott Peterson has already been convicted of murder. These assumptions of Scott Peterson's guilt are not only unjust, but they also display the media's lack of responsible journalism. Yes, it may be true that Scott Peterson is the police's main suspect, it may also be true that Scott Peterson has some involvement with his wife's disappearance.

I am not trying to defend Scott Peterson's actions. Instead I am trying to defend Scott Peterson's constitutional right to be assumed innocent until proven otherwise. The law states that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty. It seems to me that the media has skipped the trial, or charges for that matter and moved on to the "proven guilty" part. It is not the media's job to prove to the public that Scott Peterson is guilty. It is the media's job to deliver an impartial

account of the evidence, instead of reporting their opinions on the progression of the case.

A few years ago, at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, a man by the name of Richard Jewell was torn apart by the media. Richard Jewell was in the right place at the right time, and he said some damaging things. Because of his actions, the media voiced their unsubstantiated opinions to the public before the FBI was able to finish their investigations.

The consequences of the media's actions affect Richard Jewell's life to this day. The media barely covered the FBI's findings that Richard Jewell had no involvement, nor were there any significant apologies or retractions issued by the major news organizations.

I am not defending Scott Peterson's actions. I believe that Scott Peterson's actions surrounding Laci Peterson's abduction are very suspicious. But before I come to any conclusion on Scott Peterson's guilt or innocence, I will wait until a jury (if it indeed comes to that) has made up their minds.

Kenna Rammer
freshman
elementary education

SPARTA GUIDE

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| <p>TODAY</p> <p>SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Daily Mass will be held at the SJSU CCM Chapel located at 10th and San Carlos streets next to Robert's Bookstore. Mass times are 12:10 p.m. Monday-Friday and at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.</p> <p>Associated Students
Do you want to improve, change and represent at SJSU? Run for Associated Students Government! Pick up an application in the Student Life Center (Old Cafeteria Bldg.) or the A.S. House today! All interested candidates must attend the orientation session on Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Council Chambers, Student Union. Deadline to apply is Monday, Feb. 17 by 5 p.m. in the Student Life Center. Call 924-5955 for more information.</p> <p>Associated Students Campus Recreation
ASCR is offering fitness classes at the Event Center. Classes running today: Body Sculpting, Weight Training, Yoga, Aerobics, Advanced Step, Butts & Guts, Body Sculpting, Beginning Step. For more information and class times, contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.</p> <p>International Programs and Services
The Study Abroad general informational meeting will take place in the Council Chambers Room of the Student Union today at 2 p.m. For more information contact Ali at 924-5931.</p> <p>SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Join the Alpha Omega group for food and fun from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday in the Omega Lounge at the CCM. For more</p> | <p>information contact Orshi Fejer at 938-1610.</p> <p>SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
Scripture reflection every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the CCM Chapel. For more information contact Sister Marcia at 938-1610.</p> <p>Nurses Christian Fellowship
Community building at 2:30 p.m. in the Pacheco Room of the Student Union. For more information contact Diane Stegmeir at 248-2997.</p> <p>School of Art and Design
Student galleries art exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information contact Bill or Nicole at 924-4330.</p> <p>Career Center
Satellite Outreach from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Student Services. For more information call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.</p> <p>Photojournalism Department
Multiple Minds, Single Exposures: an exhibition of photographs by SJSU will be displayed in the Art building, Gallery II through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Career Center
Work force recruitment internship program for students with disabilities from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 14. Sign up for appointment time at Career Center prior to Feb. 14. For more information call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.</p> <p>MOSAIC
Black Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Amphitheatre. Black Organizations unite to promote unity in African American awareness on campus. This event features information booths, music, and lots of fun. Sponsored by the National</p> | <p>Panhellenic Council.</p> <p>MOSAIC
Delta Soul Food Night on Feb. 16. This event will be a social with soul food, music, and games. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.</p> <p>MOSAIC
Afro-Caribbean Dance Workshop on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Spartan Complex 89. Featuring master drummer and dance instructor Wilfred Mark. This workshop is designed to introduce the basics of Afro-Caribbean dance to SJSU students, staff, and faculty.</p> <p>MOSAIC
Team I-Themba (Team Hope) will be holding a performance on Feb. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. followed by a discussion from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union. This inspiring group of college-aged students from South Africa creatively tackles the issue of race and racial reconciliation. Team I-Themba performs in dance and through dramatization stories of apartheid, Nelson Mandela's rise to power and other historical moments of South Africa and the country's transition to peaceful democracy. You'll get a chance to talk to the dance group after the performance to hear about their experiences with performing and traveling the world.</p> <p>Associated Students Campus Recreation - Adventures
Belly dancing from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Event Center Aerobics Studio. For more information contact Matt at 924-6217.</p> <p>Associated Students Campus Recreation - Adventures
Introductory Yoga class from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Student Union. Cost is \$30 general, \$25 student. For more information contact Matt at 924-6217.</p> |
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21ST CENTURY DIGITAL BOY

Football? Basketball? Take me out to the ball game

Before I get started this week, I have to correct myself. In last week's episode of 'Digital Boy' I mistakenly wrote that the space shuttle Challenger exploded in 1988. It should have said the Challenger exploded in 1986. Sorry for the error.

Now, on with the show:

After the embarrassment of Game 6 and the depression following Game 7 of the World Series last October, all I could think about was how far away March 31 was.

Since the end of the 2002 World Series, wherein the Anaheim Angels somehow managed to beat the San Francisco Giants in two of the most painful games in recent Giants' history, I have been counting the days until Opening Day (March 31).

So far, the wait has been excruciating.

In Game 6 the Giants were six outs away from their first World Series title since moving to San Francisco in 1958. They blew it.

Then came Game 7, the pinnacle of all baseball. The Giants didn't even show up. It was almost as bad as the Raiders' performance on Super Bowl Sunday three weeks ago.

After Game 7 there were the recaps of the season to ease the pain.

What struck me as odd was that as soon as last season was over, I immediately looked to the beginning of the next season. It was as if baseball had taken on a new meaning for me. Maybe it has.

Baseball is a great distraction, and it serves as a reminder that with all the upheaval in the world, life does still go on.

If the country is plunged into President Bush's war, we will need things like baseball to show us that we can still carry on during crisis situations.

There were constant reminders that the Giants recovered from a 12-game deficit to win the Pennant for the first time in 13 years.

All that did was help me cling to that emotional roller coaster of a season.

After the fever and the shakes from baseball withdrawal wore off, it occurred to me to watch the remainder of



MIKE CORPOS

the 49ers' football season.

For whatever reason, they weren't very exciting, even at their best. The only exciting moment of the whole season was the insane comeback playoff victory over the New York Giants. I was at Candlestick for that game, but that was all the excitement I got for my wait between baseball seasons.

I tried to watch the Super Bowl (yawn). No offense to Raiders fans, but that was the single worst played and most boring game I have ever seen, and even the commercials didn't keep me awake.

Basketball doesn't excite me, although the Warriors are getting more interesting.

So the waiting continued.

Now the wait is nearly over. Spring training begins tomorrow with the reporting of pitchers and catchers.

What a relief.

Spring training, while certainly not the full fever pitch of the regular season, is a time to prepare for the long road ahead. This is as much the case for the fans as it is for the players. It gives time to get to know the new faces on the teams and see where many of the strengths and weaknesses of a given team may lie.

It is also a time to see what the more distant future may hold as many minor-leaguers are invited to Spring Training. Some of these players are the future faces of baseball. It always feels good to say, "I saw him when he was just getting his start."

Spring Training serves as a time for fans to slowly ease back into the obsession that will absorb lives over the summer.

So far the Giants look well prepared to defend the National League title even having lost nearly half of their starting lineup.

I'll just have to sit back and see what the 2003 season brings.

Only 46 days until opening day.

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Cupid's arrow sends students shopping for gifts

She said: Female students sound off about holiday of love

By Veronica Mendoza
Daily Staff Writer

As harried men all over America rush to Hallmark stores and flower shops to find a gift for Valentine's Day, some women at San Jose State University said they are asking for simple gifts that come from the heart, not from the wallet.

A few girls are making it easier for their boyfriends this year and asking for nothing more than some quality time.

Melanie Luong, a business major, has dated her boyfriend for three years and said she just wants to spend time with her boyfriend on Valentine's Day.

"We'll probably just go to dinner and watch a movie," Luong said.

Luong also said that rather than spending a lot of money on each other they are going to give each other personal gifts.

"This year I will make him a collage of things important to our relationship that I've saved for the three years we've been together," Luong said.

Debbie Yip, a freshmen majoring in business and accounting, said she doesn't want a materialistic gift from her boyfriend of one month.

"I would like something really sweet that comes from the heart and reminds me of him," Yip said. "I want something that shows me he cares."

Other girls on campus just want their boyfriends to relieve the stress that comes with being a college student.

"I want to go to a spa," said Lucy Phung, a freshmen nursing student.

Wei-Hsuan Chien, a senior animation major, said her ideal gift for Valentine's Day would be a massage.

"But first I need to get a boyfriend," Chien said.

Vanessa Ruiz, a senior child development major, said that if she had a boyfriend she would want him to buy her traditional Valentine's Day gifts and take her out.

"I would like to go out for dinner and a movie," Ruiz said. "Roses would also be nice."

Monica Santillanes, a junior communications major, said she thinks that Valentine's Day is a holiday for women and that men usually worry



about what to get their girlfriends and where to take them.

"I want diamonds," Santillanes said. "He always thinks I'm joking when I ask for that."

Jocelyn Tejeda, a sophomore sociology major, disagrees that men should have to spend all the money on Valentine's Day. She is planning to spend time with her boyfriend this year and doesn't expect anything from him.

"I think it should be equal," Tejeda said. "It's the thought that counts, not how much money you spend."

Vanessa Tsui, a senior animation major, doesn't believe Valentine's Day should be considered a special day for couples and doesn't celebrate the day with her boyfriend.

"Special should be your first date," Tsui said. "We don't make Valentine's Day a big thing."

He said: Male students make plans for their valentines

By Annelinda Aguayo
Daily Staff Writer

Red roses, chocolate truffles and cards. These are some things that women would stereotypically like to receive on Valentine's Day, but what is it that men want on this day of love and romance?

Some of the men at San Jose State University want simple things like cards or just a profession of love. Some do not want or expect to get anything at all. Even so, single or not, some have pondered the thought of receiving

gifts.

Tom Gottlieb, an undeclared sophomore, said he is single but receiving a card "would be nice."

"It doesn't have to be anything fancy," he said. "I don't need flowers or anything."

Other men joining Gottlieb in the singles' club have something a little more on their mind this Valentine's Day.

"Basically, I would like to receive a hug, and I would like for that person to take me out," said Alpha English, a senior majoring in marketing.

"It doesn't have to be anything extravagant or big," he said. "Just something simple to show she's got her eyes on me."

English, who is single, but has "special people," said, "I would like the person to say, 'Alpha, happy

Valentine's Day to the one who makes all my dreams a reality worth chasing.'"

A single man with similar thoughts is Rodney Taylor Jr., a junior majoring in computer science.

"If I had someone special, I would want affection times infinity," Taylor said. "And I would want her to say, 'You're the first, you're the last, and I love your sexy ass.'"

Juan Ramos, a sophomore majoring in leadership administration, had something more romantic on his mind.

"There is a special someone I want," Ramos said. "What I would want from that special someone is a fair chance to show her how good it can be, even though I don't really know her."

So what does Ramos want from



Vicki Thompson / Daily Staff

ABOVE: Valentine's Day has traditionally been a time for lovers, though it is also a time of profit for merchants.

LEFT: Ana Duarte, a freshman computer science major, sifted through Valentine's Day cards Wednesday in the Spartan Bookstore.

Cupid tomorrow?

"For her to be the one I spend Valentine's Day with," he said.

Men who are no longer a part of the singles' club are not really expecting anything from their special someone tomorrow.

James Osaki, who is an engaged senior majoring in kinesiology, said he would like to be taken out to dinner for a change.

"It'd be nice to change it around a little bit," Osaki said. "But it's not expected."

Israel Garcia, a junior majoring in business, said he will not "pout" if he does not receive a gift from his girlfriend.

"I don't expect anything," Garcia said. "But if I get anything, I'm going to accept it."

One thing that Osaki and Garcia agree on is that Valentine's Day is for the ladies.

"I think Valentine's Day is just for girls," Osaki said. "It's kind of the man's role to plan and buy gifts."

Garcia said, "It's definitely a woman's holiday. I don't think any man would complain if someone said, 'There's no more Valentine's Day.' Only the women would."

CD REVIEW



The All-American Rejects
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Dreamworks Records

The All-American Rejects, a young pop-rock band from Oklahoma, released its full-length self-titled debut album on Feb. 4, and it will be re-released on Feb. 11 on DreamWorks Records.

This is an excellent album, especially coming from musicians who are just starting their professional music careers. It is a good indicator of their immeasurable potential as it illustrates to the listener the band's strengths.

Every song on the album contains creative lyrics that have good rhythm, pleasant melodies, good background vocals and beats and different love scenarios that any listener can relate to. More specifically, the scenarios they bring to life in each song are based on the band members' past relationships with girls. Listeners will also appreciate the fact that they can sing along to every song on the disc.

Some songs on the album are quick-paced and contain loud guitar riffs similar to the style of Jimmy Eat World. A few songs are reminiscent of Weezer with their long and high-pitched vocal notes. The majority of the songs have memorable guitar melodies, which remind the listener of Guns 'N' Roses and Bon Jovi. However, the band is not just copying the styles of other bands. They are using them as resources to develop their own unique style.

The song "Swing, Swing" was ranked fifth on the Rolling Stone music charts list for the week of Jan. 23 behind Aaliyah, 50 Cent with the Notorious B.I.G. and Queens of the Stone Age. It has also aired on several major radio stations. The Rejects are currently on a national tour with Homegrown and Riddlin' Kids.

If The Rejects are able to produce a few more excellent CDs like their debut and complete a few successful national tours, they will become "All-American" rock stars.

—Matthew Adamski

Valentine events in San Jose, South Bay

The Dating Game

Feb. 13
The Limelight Nightclub
228 Castro St., Mountain View
Get set up with a blind date at the limelight by playing the dating game. The females who enter the contest choose from three bachelors. Dance to hip-hop, reggae and dance hall. Ladies get in free before 10:45 p.m. Must be 18 years of age or older. (650) 903-4833
www.clublimelight.com

Forbidden Love

Feb. 13
Club Rio
610 Coleman Blvd., San Jose
The Valentine's dance, sponsored by Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity Inc., will feature 17 DJ's playing hip-hop and house. The event will be hosted by Big Daddy Victor Zaragoza. (408) 538-5385

Cabana Valentine's Day

Feb. 14
Cabana Night Club
396 S. First St., San Jose
Dance to house and hip-hop downstairs and relax in the lounge area upstairs. Special Valentine Cabanas are available for \$300 and includes champagne, chocolates and flowers. \$10 cover charge, \$2 drinks and sushi at happy hour. The dance is from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., happy hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (408) 971-2226
www.cabanasanjos.com

Valentine's Day Performance:

Amanda Perez
Feb. 14
Spy Club
400 S. First St., San Jose
Specialty drink: "Red fat kiss"
Cover charge: \$10
9 p.m.
(408) 298-1900

Annual Valentine's Day Celebration with Poet Nils Peterson

Feb. 14
Le Petit Trianon Theatre
72 N. Fifth St., San Jose
\$7 for members/\$10 for nonmembers
Show starts at 6 p.m.
(408) 995-5400

Latin Soul Valentine's Dance and Comedy Jam hosted by WILD 94.9 FM

Feb. 14
The Fat Cat Bar and Grill
358 N. White Road, San Jose
Music performed by Mystique, comedy performed by Marvin "Crazy Boy" and Rob Martinez
Cover charge: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door
Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m.
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Thanx 4 everything.
I love u guys.
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JO

James,
Your books aren't the only things I scan. Slide your v-cart through my hands.
Tony

Hey Jo & Krys,
Hope your V-Days are fun for u single folks!
K

A.J.,
One year later,
"I still love you like the song."
Love you always,
Me
(Kristina)

Rodney,
I loved you then,
I love you now, I love you always.
Monkeys are silent.
Happy 21th of February.
XOXO,
Lia

Nadia,
You are the love of my life. Can't wait 4 San Luis!
Love You,
John
Theta Chi

Jr, Davy, Travy, Danny, Oscar, Star, Deb, Fredo, Ed, Bob, Anthony:
Somebody loves you, Guess who?!

BABY NOODLE,
LOVE YOU ALWAYS!
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Darren,
I will love you always and forever.
Kim

Kristy, Mona, Christie, Kaleena-
Hope you get some good lovin' Mamas!
I love u
Christie #1

Michelle,
I just wanted you to know you mean the world to me.
Happy Valentines Day.
Bryan

Michelle,
Ur my love, my world, my glimpse of heaven. Luv ya
Happy V-Day
Victor

Eric,
I love you so much.
Sarah

International house serves as a global village for students

By Falguni Bhuta
Daily Staff Writer

Located on a tree-lined block of South Eleventh Street, the International Student Center is home to foreign and American students of San Jose State University.

It may not come into the sight of many SJSU students, however, as it is two blocks off-campus. This year the establishment, more popularly known as the International House or I-House, completes 25 years of existence.

"This semester, there are approximately 70 residents from 35 countries around the world at the house," said Leann Cherkasky Makhni, director of the International House. "We want people who can be contributors to the I-House and bring diversity among other students."

Helle Gram, a graduate student in sociology, who is from Denmark, said she has been at the house since Spring 1999.

"It's awesome. I love it," she said. "I am a lot more knowledgeable about different cultures and customs and have a greater awareness about cross cultural differences and conflicts."

Gram said during her stay at the house she sometimes experienced culture shock.

"The fact that people eat with their hands would hit me," she said. "But in a way you adapt to this environment, because if you don't it's not going to be a fun place to live."

Makhni said she wants the residents to interact with one another so they can become culturally richer.

"We try to match roommates in a way that they can get along and know more about each other," she said.

Huy Nguyen, a senior majoring in business management and a resident at the house, said the organizers try to put students from two totally different parts

of the world together in one room.

"For example, you will have one student from China living with another from Europe," said Nguyen, a Vietnamese-American who has been living in the house for four years.

Jérôme de Vasconcelos Mota, a graduate student in computer engineering from France, said he has a roommate from Peru.

"There are other French students in the house, but I talk to them as much as I talk to others," he said. "I am glad that my roommate is from another country."

David Lorenzo, from Spain, has been living at the International House since August 2000.

"I prefer a more diverse mix of people," he said. "People from where I come would feel more comfortable here than in the dorms."

Lorenzo, a graduate student in business management, said this experience would also help him in his career.

"In the future, when you have to meet people from different countries you already know what to expect from them," he said. "I know people who are afraid of contacting foreigners for their work."

The International House was founded in 1978 by SJSU alumni Alan and Phyllis Simpkins. Alan Simpkins died in 1997, and Phyllis Simpkins is still a board member of the house.

"The building used to be home to Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, of which I was a part during my university years," Simpkins said.

After the sorority dissolved, the building was turned into a halfway house for alcoholics, she said. After the halfway

house went bankrupt, the owners decided to sell the house.

"While watching a football game on TV we saw a similar International House in Arkansas and really liked it," she said.

This prompted the Simpkins' to buy the house in June 1978, she said.

"When we bought it, it was a mess, as it was a halfway house," Simpkins said. "We used 250 gallons of paint to paint the house, bought new beds, changed doorknobs and opened it for students in August 1978."

Simpkins said she and her husband specially went to Arkansas to see how the house there functioned.

The Simpkins' ran the house independently for 19 years until they donated it to the SJSU Foundation in 1997.

"It was around the time my husband died," said Simpkins, who is now 78.

Alan and Phyllis are also recipients of the Tower Award, which is awarded by the President of SJSU and the highest honor given by the university, Makhni said.

To celebrate its silver jubilee, the International House has planned a long weekend celebration in July 2003, said Pilar Dixon, office manager at the facility.

As part of the celebrations, there will be a party at the Student Union on July 5, where all the alumni from the past 25 years will be invited, she said. "People are calling from all over the world."

Huy Nguyen, a resident, said one of the most distinguished alumni of the house is Muriel Hermine, a professional dancer and swimmer from France, who studied English at SJSU for one semester.



Josh Sturgis / Daily Staff

Jo Beaudreaux, majoring in photography, Clara Kuo, majoring in English, Jerome De Vasconcelos Mota, graduate student in computer engineering, and Lowent De Clermont-Tonnerre, graduate student in computer engineering, converse in the dining area of the International Center.

"She is very popular in her home country France because she is one of the people who has worked on Cirque du Soleil," he said.

In an interview for the International House newsletter, Hermine described

her experience living in the multicultural environment.

"The I-House had an influence on my career because this is where I experienced everything my career as an international athlete prevented me from

experiencing. Moreover, being immersed among people who didn't know me allowed me to be myself, with my qualities and my failings, and not to be an image people see on TV anymore. That was life, real life..." she said.

New York bans use of cell phone at public performances

NEW YORK (AP) — No more cell phones ringing at the movies. No more dudes holding up their phones so friends can hear a concert. And no more rude interruptions for Broadway theatergoers.

Overriding Mayor Michael Bloomberg's veto, the City Council voted 38-5 on Wednesday to ban the use of cell phones at public performances.

Talking on a cell phone, dialing, listening or even having one ring during a performance will constitute a violation punishable by a \$50 fine.

The law covers concerts, movies, plays, lectures, dance performances, museums, libraries and galleries. Cell phone use would still be permitted at sporting events and in emergencies, and people would still be allowed to speak on phones in lobbies and during intermissions.

The use of audible pagers was also banned.

The prime sponsor, City Councilman Phil Reed, said the idea came from theater owners tired of incessant phone ringing and loud conversations during performances.

"I think it's a real quality-of-life issue," Reed said. "People overwhelmingly want this to happen. And because it would only apply during the performance, it's not a lot to ask of people to do."

The mayor, however, has said the legislation would be unnecessary and almost impossible to enforce.

"We do not hesitate to 'shush,'" Bloomberg wrote in his veto letter last month. "Some standards of conduct, not directly affecting public health or safety, can best be enforced not through legislation but through less formal means."

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Americans prepare for disaster: Duct tape? Check. Sheeting? Check.

KIDRON, Ohio (AP) — America's terror alert has some people buying wood stoves, drums to collect rainwater, duct tape and plastic sheeting — just in case.

At Lehman's Hardware and Appliances, which specializes in non-electric household products and serves a large Amish community, sales are up among the non-Amish, much as they were during the Y2K scare and again after Sept. 11.

"Whenever something like this happens, we get a lot of phone calls," said Glenda Lehman Ervin, whose father opened the store in 1955. "We get a lot of questions, like, 'Do you have a wood stove that will cook and heat my house?' or, 'How hard is it to dig a well?'"

On Friday, the government raised the nation's terror alert from yellow to orange, the second-highest level, because of intelligence information indicating that al-Qaida was planning attacks on the United States.

Federal officials have recommended that Americans take basic disaster-preparation steps such as maintaining a three-day stockpile of food and water. They also recommend obtaining duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal a house in a chemical or biological attack.

The public's fears about terrorism have gone up sharply since the

beginning of the year, according to a CBS-New York Times poll released Wednesday.

Thirty-five percent of the 476 adults surveyed said they think a terrorist attack is very likely, more than double the 14 percent who thought so at the beginning of the year. Eight in 10 said an attack is at least somewhat likely, compared with six in 10 who felt that way at the start of the year. The poll, conducted Monday and Tuesday, has an error margin of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Around the country, many Americans say they do not think there is much they can do to defend themselves from terrorism. But others are taking steps to prepare themselves.

Paul and Melissa Jackson of Tulsa, Okla., bought two 1,000-square-foot rolls of plastic sheeting and 11 rolls of duct tape Tuesday at Home Depot.

The couple said they have also agreed to rendezvous with about 30 family members at their vacation house near Grand Lake northeast of Tulsa if there is an attack. Their families have also secured satellite phones in case communications are disrupted by terrorists.

"These people are crazy," said Melissa Jackson, 29. "You don't know

what they're going to do. We don't think anything's going to happen, but it's better to be safe than sorry."

Paul Jackson, 34, said he had spent less than \$100 on supplies, "so it's worth the risk if nothing happens."

Jim Ash, 50, of Overland Park, Kan., stopped by a Home Depot to buy a generator cord that he said he would have needed even if the terror alert level had not been raised.

"I don't think we really have that big of a risk around here, but it just doesn't hurt to be prepared," Ash said. "We do make sure that we have enough food on hand, like you would for a storm."

In Seattle, Federal Army & Navy Surplus has seen more sales in the past week of gas masks, which cost \$20 to \$111, said Jon Anderson. Other popular items have been first-aid kits, emergency supplies for cars, and military-surplus meals.

Lehman's, about 50 miles south of Cleveland, said calls picked up when the terror alert was raised. "Those big 50-gallon drums for rainwater — we've gotten two calls for them today. I haven't heard that in a year and a half," Ervin said Tuesday.

The store is also stocking up on jumbo jugs of lamp oil.

JoAnn Ekey, 55, drove about 30 miles from her home in Ashland to Lehman's to browse, not to prepare

for a terrorist attack. Nevertheless, she said she is thinking about getting ready for an emergency.

"The water supply would be my major concern," Ekey said. "I'll probably buy some bottled water and make sure I have enough canned food around." She also planned to buy batteries for flashlights and radios.

Others are more skeptical.

Jerry Lizardo, 37, of Jersey City, N.J., who was shopping at Borinquen Home Improvement, said he had not taken any precautions. "I don't believe if they do any major violence or major attack that's going to do anything," he said.

Fred Ottensmeyer, an employee at Sullivan Hardware in Indianapolis, leaned up against a stack of boxed paint cans and said he is not sure precautions would make a difference.

"My wife said it was like getting under a table in case of a nuclear attack," he said.

Byron Yeager, a 47-year-old Indianapolis maintenance worker with a tattoo of a burning cross on his hand, said outside a Lowe's hardware store: "There's a lot more things to be scared of in the city of Indianapolis than terrorists. If you walk around the corner and somebody clubs you over the head, duct tape's not going to protect you."

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which people use but I do prefer black," she said.

Ethel Walker, a professor in the television, radio, film and theater department, said she uses both interchangeably.

"I use both because I bridge a lot of generations," she said.

"I use black when I am referring to the Diaspora and African American when I am talking about particularly blacks in America," Walker said.

"I go by both," said Arvel Henderson a senior majoring in African American studies.

"Some people will have issues with being called black if they are first gen-

eration, but I think it depends on the person."

Henderson said, as far as he is concerned, he is a black male. He said black is more like a culture that caters to America.

Victoria Boyd, a freshman double majoring in microbiology and marine biology, said she prefers African American because black is only describing the color of her skin.

"If you want to get technical, brown is the real color," Boyd said.

"I get offended when I see black on applications for tests and things like that because that is not my ethnicity — it is African. Just like there are Hispanic and non-Hispanic boxes there should be the same consideration with Africans," she said.

Tunnel vision



Verna Kirkendall / Daily Staff

Students stroll along the walkway near Tower Lawn on Monday.

Georgia Gov. wants vote on confederate symbol state flags

ATLANTA (AP) — In a move that is certain to inflame race relations in Georgia, the new governor on Wednesday proposed a referendum next year on whether to bring back the old state flag with its big Confederate emblem.

Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue said he wants the nonbinding vote to be held the same day as the state's presidential primary in March 2004.

He acknowledged that "Georgia is somewhat a divided house" over the flag and called it "an issue that should be healed as soon as possible."

The state NAACP immediately threatened an economic boycott of Georgia if the state goes back to the flag with the prominent Confederate emblem.

"If they think we're playing, they should try us. They'll see," state NAACP president Walter Butler warned as several hundred NAACP

members gathered at the Capitol.

The NAACP has been boycotting South Carolina for the past three years over a Confederate banner that flies on the Statehouse grounds. The Confederate emblem is not part of the South Carolina flag.

Supporters of the Confederate emblem say it represents Southern heritage, while blacks and others say it represents racism and slavery.

Perdue had campaigned on the promise to give voters a say on the flag, but had given conflicting signals in recent weeks over whether he would keep his word.

The referendum proposed by Georgia's first GOP governor in 130 years would have to be approved by both the Republican-controlled Senate and the Democrat-controlled House. The Legislature could then use the results to decide whether it would consider making a change.

Democrats have repeatedly said a flag vote would be too divisive.

Hoping to avoid the kind of turmoil that convulsed South Carolina, the Georgia Legislature changed the flag two years ago, reducing to a tiny square the big Confederate emblem that was adopted in 1956 in the midst of Southern segregationist defiance.

It was Gov. Roy Barnes, a Democrat, who led the fight to get rid of the Confederate emblem. He blamed his loss to Perdue in last fall's election to anger over the move, especially among rural whites.

Charles Lunsford, president of the Heritage Preservation Association, applauded Perdue's proposal. "It gives us an opportunity for a fair contest," he said.

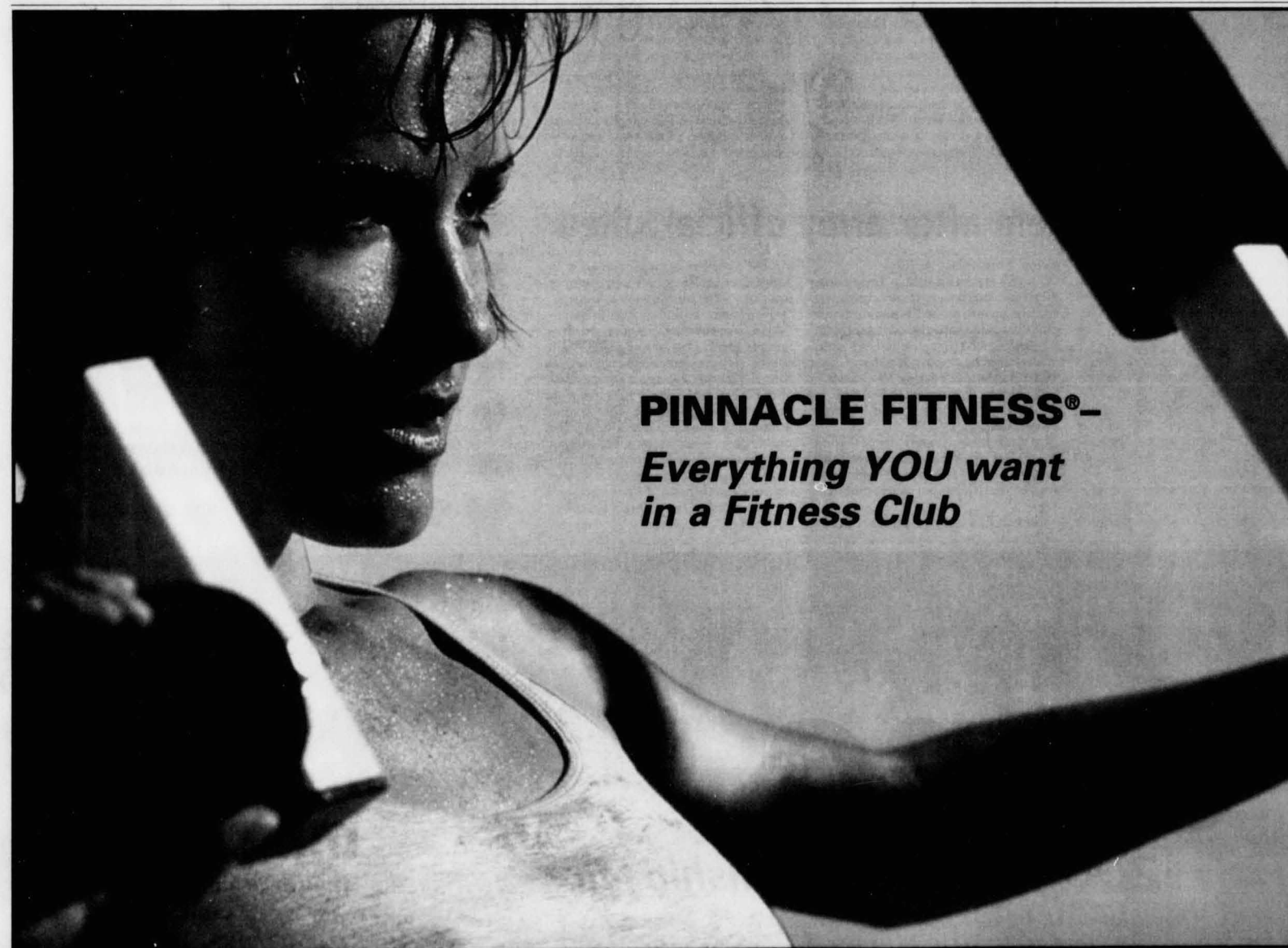
Under Perdue's plan, voters would be asked two ballot questions, the first a yes-no question on whether to keep the current flag. The second

would ask if voters wish to revert to the previous state flag with its big Confederate emblem, or to the flag that flew until 1956 and did not bear any version of the Confederate symbol.

NAACP leaders urged lawmakers to block the referendum, saying they are certain the Confederate version would win.

"If it were up to the majority of people in the state of Georgia, slavery would still be legal and lynching would still be the law of the land," said the Rev. Charles White Jr., director of NAACP's Southeast region.

State and national Republicans had worried that Georgia might put a flag referendum on the ballot during the November 2004 presidential election. They feared that would spark a huge turnout by blacks and moderate whites and hurt GOP candidates, including President Bush.



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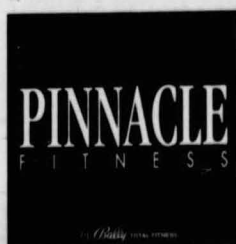
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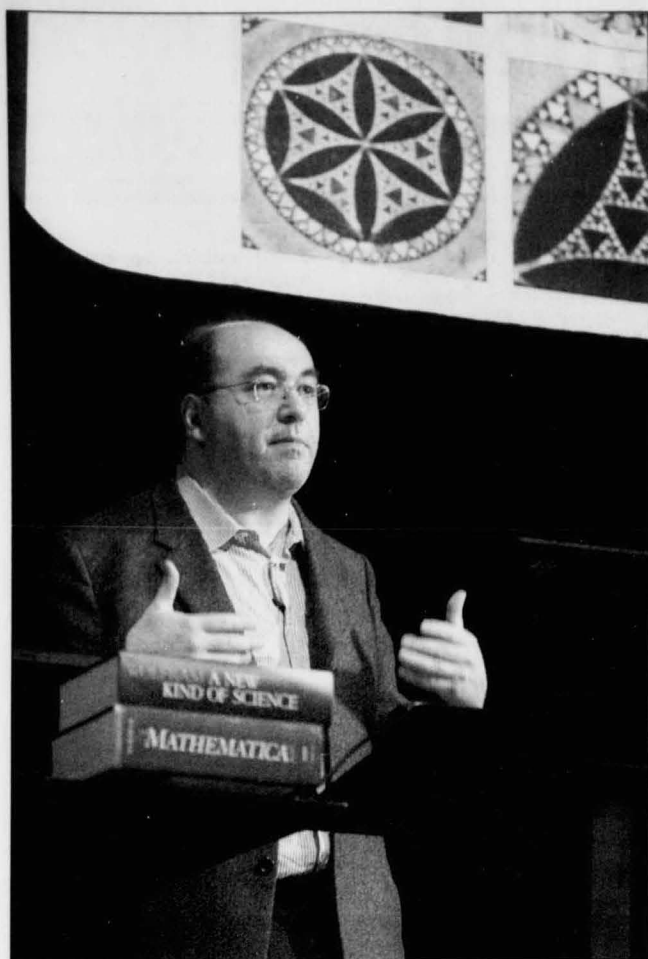
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Stephen Wolfram discussed the concepts of his recent books, "A New Kind of Science" and "Mathematica," in the Morris Dailey Auditorium Tuesday night.

Mathematician describes new book, scientific theories

By Daniel Hartman
Daily Staff Writer

Mathematician Stephen Wolfram gave a presentation Tuesday night in the Morris Dailey Auditorium on his book, "A New Kind of Science."

San Jose State University professor of computer science Rudy Rucker started the presentation by introducing his mentor Wolfram.

"A couple of years back I saw an article written by Stephen Wolfram," Rucker said. "The pictures were beautiful, and I was drawn to the content."

In his introduction, Rucker likened Wolfram to Isaac Newton because of his work on cellular automata, his cell and picture theory stating that one black cell will be preceded either by a white cell or two black cells depending on the formula, and his work on "Mathematica," a text that simplifies complex theorems in math.

Wolfram said that everyday things such as snowflakes, plants and animals can be explained using his theories of cellular automata, but he wasn't sure until later in the decade if the three objects were specific to cellular automata.

"I was a young physicist working in cosmology," Wolfram said. "With all the sophisticated math that I knew I could easily figure out what was going on with these ordinary, everyday systems."

Wolfram told the history showing how math had been used by Newton to explain nature but not so in Wolfram's case with more complex cellular behavior.

"In 1981, I had just developed SMP or A Symbolic Manipulation

Program, which was a forerunner of 'Mathematica,'" Wolfram said. "That was one of the main reasons that I started to write 'Mathematica.' I wanted to make a system that I could use to do all the computations and all the computer experiments that I could ever want."

Wolfram related his ideas that the rules of mathematics could be more general to the packed auditorium from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The rules embodied in programs might be what nature is using," Wolfram said.

In 1981, Wolfram created cellular automata in order to conduct basic computer experiments.

"In 1982, I ran a very simple experiment and tried to run every single one of the 256 possibilities of the simplest cellular automata rules," Wolfram said.

Wolfram said that the diagram appeared to be a simple structure that looked like a pyramid even though it followed a pattern on the left hand side inside the pyramid and looked rather random on the right hand side. However, there were actually complicated structures making it up. They just appeared different, Wolfram said, because of the different formulae plugged into the cells' makeup.

"Our everyday experience in engineering says to make something complex you have to have complex rules," Wolfram said. "This is what's led me to spend the past 15 years building a new intellectual structure — 'A New Kind of Science.'"

Rucker said Wolfram's work had been a huge factor in his own decision to teach computer science and he

compared Wolfram's book to magicaly "pulling rabbits out of a hat."

"I think (Wolfram) has really done a lot to change the history of science," Rucker said. "He's a really good salesman of his ideas."

Rucker said he is putting together a Web site with Java applications to show Wolfram's theories.

"I think there is a good possibility that that the Web site could help to speed up the process of Wolfram's theories being validated, but it's hard to predict something like that," Rucker said.

Some students at the event felt that the ideas presented in Wolfram's book would revolutionize the way in which mathematics and computer science will be looked upon.

Mohammed Shami, a senior computer science major, said, "Fundamentally, there's a lot of mathematicians who explore the existence of generalized models. He came up with a systematic approach to breakdown complex problems into simpler programs that utilize the technologies to express all the complexities that have come up."

Shami was one of the participants in the question and answer time allotted by Wolfram to help clarify some of his notions from the presentation.

"It's a new paradigm that goes into looking for basic fundamentals that if we use right can derive maximum complexity," Shami said. "In computer science, we learn about programming, updating systems and architecture. We can apply his approaches to explore different programs and make certain generalizations useful for programming schemes."

Lawyers challenge Va. death penalty law

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Lawyers for sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo challenged the constitutionality of Virginia's death penalty law in court papers filed Wednesday.

They also asked the judge to rule graphic crime scene photos inadmissible, grant access to evidence and regulate the number of deputies who will guard Malvo in the courtroom.

They are among 13 motions Malvo's lawyers filed before a March 3 pretrial hearing in the murder case stemming from the Oct. 14 shooting death of Linda Franklin.

In filing a motion to dismiss, defense attorneys argued that the Virginia death penalty law is unconstitutionally vague. The law allows a jury to impose the death penalty if it finds that a defendant's crime is "outrageously or wantonly vile" or that the defendant would commit future crimes that "would constitute a continuing serious threat to society."

Those provisions "do not provide the sentencer with meaningful instruction to avoid the arbitrary and capricious infliction of a death sentence," defense lawyer Michael Arif wrote.

Malvo is scheduled to go on trial in November in the death of Franklin. He and John Allen Muhammad, 42, have been accused of shooting 19 people, killing 13 and wounding six in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

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For Laila Rodriguez, a junior majoring in kinesiology, there is more at stake as the CSU system has a reputation to uphold.

"We are one of the biggest state systems and in order to maintain that as well as a good reputation, I think that the teachers should be paid more than they are," Rodriguez said.

Clara Potes-Fellow, spokeswoman for the CSU, said the issue of quality faculty is taken very seriously by the chancellor's office.

"CSU offers salaries that are competitive nationally," she said.

Potes-Fellow said the average salary for all tenure track faculties in the CSU system is \$72,999 and \$83,490 for full-time professors.

In regards to SJSU, Potes-Fellow said that the salaries of faculty are included in the system wide averages.

"In recent years, San Jose has had one of the highest average starting salaries for new faculty in the system," she said. "The CSU has been very successful

in hiring and retaining high quality faculty. Offering competitive faculty salaries continues to be a priority of the CSU," Potes-Fellow said.

Peter C. Lee, associate vice president of faculty affairs, said the SJSU faculty salary is a "collective bargaining issue that is negotiated between the CSU and the California Faculty Association at the system level."

Lillian Taiz, the statewide vice president of the California Faculty Association, said she thinks that the chancellor's office lacks commitment to the faculties and students.

"Many of us are disillusioned," she said. "They've had their chances but instead they are expanding their own waistline."

Taiz said she does not expect this issue between the California Faculty Association and the CSU to be resolved this year.

"We know this can't be settled this year," she said. "We understand the budget situation but at the back of our minds we know not to get our hopes high."

Belgian high court rejects appeal to try Sharon

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The Belgian Supreme Court rejected an appeal Wednesday by Palestinians to bring Ariel Sharon to trial for war crimes for massacres in two refugee camps in 1982, but didn't rule out trying the Israeli prime minister after he leaves office.

The Palestinians were seeking to try Sharon and retired Gen. Amos Yaron for their alleged roles in the massacres at the Sabra and Chatilla camps south of Beirut, using a Belgian law that allows the country's courts to hear cases of war crimes committed anywhere in the world.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reacted angrily and recalled the Israeli ambassador in Brussels for consultations.

"Belgium is helping to harm not only Israel but also the entire free world, and Israel will respond with severity to this," Netanyahu said in a statement.

Former Israeli Foreign Minister and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shimon Peres said "Belgium cannot be the

judge of Israel. It did not experience what we have experienced, and it must not place itself on a perch above the nations of the world as a judge of all history."

A lower court dismissed the case against Sharon last June, saying the Israeli leader could not be tried for war crimes because he did not live in Belgium and enjoyed diplomatic immunity.

The court upheld Sharon's immunity Wednesday but did not rule out any future case against the Israeli premier once he retires.

It also ordered that Yaron's case be sent back to a lower court which would decide whether there was enough evidence to proceed with war crimes charges against the former general.

If a judge decides to press charges, Yaron could technically be arrested to stand trial if he enters Belgium.

Sharon was Israeli defense minister when hundreds of Palestinian civilians were slaughtered in the two camps by a Lebanese Christian militia allied to

the Israelis. An Israeli inquiry found Sharon indirectly responsible and forced him to resign as defense minister in 1983.

The panel also said Yaron "did not properly evaluate and failed to check" reports about the massacre. It recommended he be barred from a field command for three years. He was later promoted to major general and appointed chief of manpower. He also served as military attaché at the Israeli Embassy in Washington in the late 1980s.

Chibli Mallat, a lawyer for the group of Palestinian victims, said he was disappointed with the ruling on Sharon, but happy the case against Yaron could proceed.

"It is a landmark step for international law," he said.

Belgian prosecutors opened an inquiry in July 2001 following a complaint filed by 23 survivors of the massacres.

Reed Brody, a Human Rights Watch lawyer in New York, called it "an important victory for atrocity victims" who put hopes in the Belgian law.

"Today's decision will allow Belgian courts to pursue perpetrators of the worst crimes even if they did not happen on Belgian soil," he said.

So far, four Rwandans have been sentenced up to 20 years under the war crimes law for their role in the 1994 genocide of the country's Tutsi ethnic minority.

Israelis tighten grip on Bethlehem after army official killed

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Israeli forces tightened their grip on Bethlehem on Wednesday after a Palestinian sniper killed an Israeli soldier in front of the Church of the Nativity. Israeli forces killed two Palestinians in Gaza with a shell that explodes into thousands of deadly darts.

In the West Bank, soldiers killed a Palestinian teen during a clash in a refugee camp.

The violence came as Muslims marked Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of the Sacrifice, under stiff travel restrictions, imposed after Israeli officials said they had intelligence warnings that militants were planning major terror attacks during the four-day holiday.

Two Palestinians were climbing a fence early Wednesday in an attempt to enter a Jewish settlement in northern Gaza, the military said, when they were killed. At Gaza's Shifa Hospital, doctors showed reporters the body of one of the men, with a dart about 5 inches long protruding from his chest — part of a flechette shell.

A flechette shell spreads lethal darts over a wide area, and Israeli army spokeswoman Sharon Feingold said it was used because it was the most efficient weapon in the circumstances.

Palestinians have charged that flechette shells are forbidden under international law, but Miranda Sissons, a Mideast expert with Human Rights Watch in New York, said that there is no formal ban on the flechette.

She told The Associated Press that "they're not banned, but their use in civilian areas would be indiscriminate and disproportionate," and Human Rights Watch has complained about Israel's use of flechette shells several times.

The Israeli military said that all the weapons and ammunition it uses are legal under international law.

Israeli soldiers fired the shell at the

two Palestinians at the perimeter of the Dugit settlement in northwest Gaza, built on sand dunes away from Palestinian population centers. The military said the two men were armed with knives and hand grenades.

Israeli parked two tanks in Manger Square after the officer was killed late Tuesday. The army said soldiers were checking a suspicious vehicle when a Palestinian sniper from a nearby alley.

Palestinian residents said the officer was standing just in front of the Church of Nativity when a gunshot rang out. The church marks the tra-

ditional birthplace of Jesus.

Shortly after the attack, Israeli soldiers declared a curfew, confining Palestinians to their homes, and two tanks rumbled into the biblical town, heading for Manger Square in front of the church.

The tanks pulled out Wednesday, but soldiers continued to patrol in armored vehicles and jeeps Wednesday.

In mid-June, Israeli forces took control of all West Bank cities and towns, except Jericho, in response to a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings.

They pulled out of Bethlehem dur-

ing the summer but reoccupied it in November after a suicide bomber from the town blew up a bus in nearby Jerusalem, killing 11 passengers.

Also Wednesday, in the El-Ein refugee camp next to the West Bank city of Nablus, Israeli forces arrested Kamel Khatib, 27, a senior member of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade after surrounding his house for several hours, Palestinians said. During the standoff, a 17-year-old Palestinian was shot and killed. Palestinians said he was among several people throwing rocks at soldiers. The Israeli military said soldiers returned fire from gunmen.

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Titan games and road to 2004 Olympics run through SJSU

By Chris Giovannetti
Daily Senior Staff Writer

For current world champions and future Olympians, the road to Athens begins today.

The Titan Games, an eight-event competition featuring the combative Summer Olympic sports, begins its three-day run starting tonight at the Event Center.

A brainchild of the United States Olympic Committee, the Titan Games feature a United States versus the world format, pitting American teams against other nations. Former Olympic champions and prospective competitors for the 2004 Athens Summer Olympics will compete in judo, boxing, wrestling, karate, taekwondo, fencing, weightlifting and shot put.

"We're bringing the Olympic movement to San Jose State," USOC official Steve Brunner said. "It's an event that showcases up-and-coming athletes; people you may not know by name but will by the time the Olympics come. Some of the names debuting here, we'll see in Athens."

"This is a great opportunity to see sports that don't headline at the Olympics. Nonetheless, the competitors that are here are some of the top athletes in their sports."

Construction crews began on Monday transforming the Event Center into an international sporting venue. Matted platforms for judo, taekwondo, karate and wrestling sit on either side of the boxing ring. A stage for fencing and weightlifting sits on the east side of the arenas.

Outside the Event Center, construction crews worked through Wednesday's drizzle to erect bleachers where the shot put competition and an outdoor festival is scheduled to be held on Friday.

The games open tonight with a VIP reception honoring past Olympic greats.

Former World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield is one of seven former United States Olympic greats scheduled to attend the event.

Joining Holyfield is former SJSU judo player and 1988 Seoul Summer Olympic bronze medalist Mike Swain.

Swain, whose company Swain Sports International manufactured the mats being used at the Titan Games, said spectators would leave the Event Center with an admiration for these lesser-known Olympic sports.

"These are grueling, hard and combative sports," Swain said. "People will be really surprised by these Olympic

level athletes. These are exciting sports to watch."

Also scheduled to be honored is 1972 Olympic freestyle wrestling gold medalist and college wrestling icon Dan Gable; three-time Olympic hammer throw participant Ed Burke; six-time Olympian and bronze medalist fencer Peter Westbrook; Stephan Lopez, who won the first official Olympic taekwondo gold medal at the 2000 Sydney Games and two-time gold and one-time silver medalist weightlifter Tommy Kono.

Session I of the games takes place immediately following the reception.

The United States battles Mexico in men's and women's judo, men's boxing and men and women's karate slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Action continues on Friday with a free outdoor festival taking place between the Event Center and Spartan Complex.

Local bands Divit and Agent 51 will perform and a beer garden will accompany the shot put competition.

"The executive director (of USA Track and Field) saw what we were doing and wanted to get his guys in on it. Budweiser hooked on to sponsor the event. The outdoor stuff really took off in the last 45-to-60 days," Brunner said. "(Former U.S. Olympic gold medalist) John Godina is really excited about it. He said, 'We got our amphitheater, shot put, beer, music and college atmosphere. How can things get better than this.'"

Session II goes off on Friday at 7 p.m. with men's and women's fencing (United States versus Pan-Am All-Stars) and men's and women's judo (China versus Mexico).

Friday may give attendees the best glimpse of former and future United States Olympic champions.

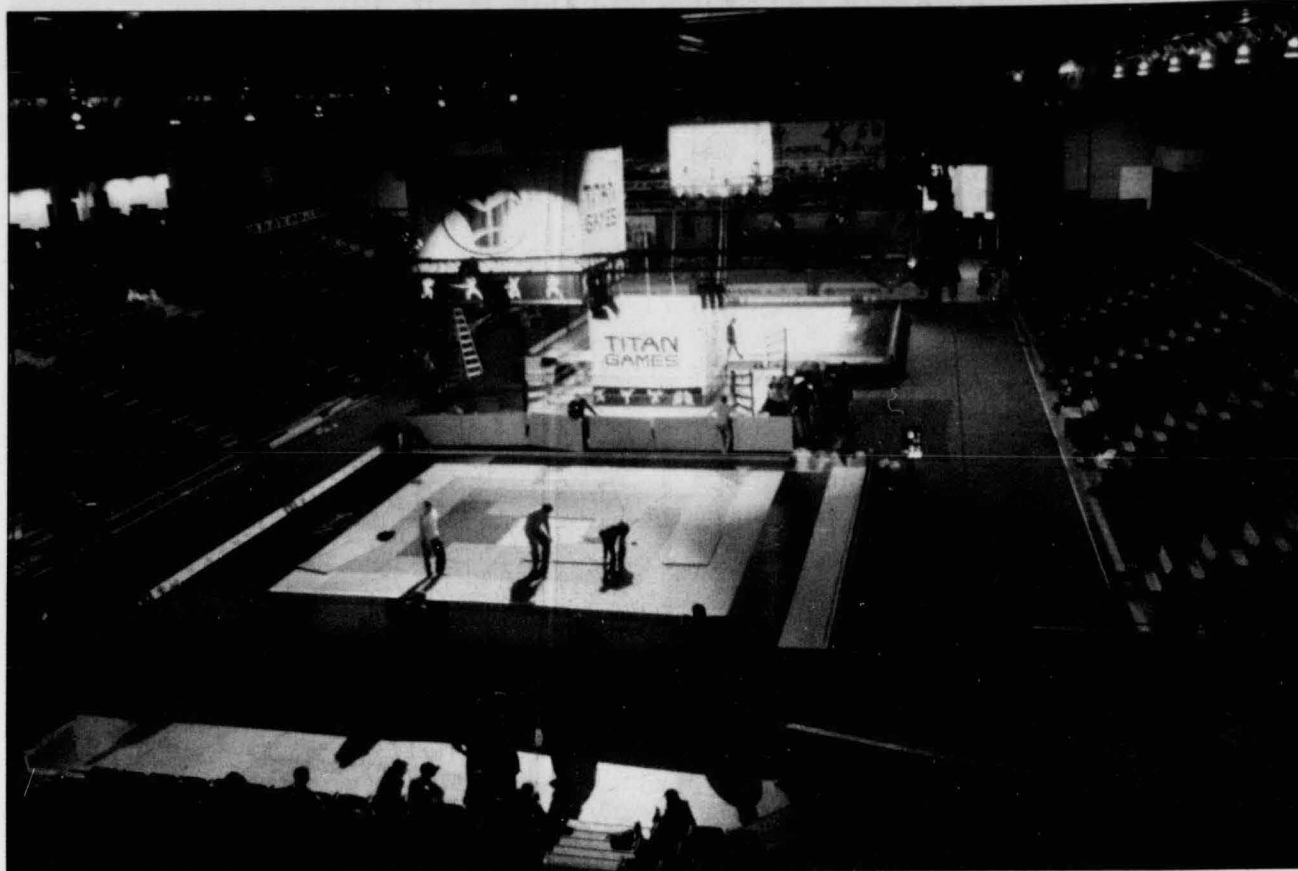
Freestyle wrestler Cael Sanderson recorded a 159-0 record at Iowa State University and captured his fourth consecutive NCAA individual championship in April 2002.

Heavyweight Rulon Gardner, who upset nine-time world and three-time Olympic champion Alexander Karelin of Russia for the Greco-Roman gold at the 2002 Sydney Olympics, makes his come back debut.

While snowmobiling with friends, Gardner, a native of Afton, Wyo., lost his way and was stranded overnight in sub-zero temperatures. The incident led to amputation of a toe due to frostbite.

His Friday bout marks the one-year anniversary of his hellish night in the Wyoming backcountry.

Middleweight boxer Andre Ward of Oakland is the 2002 United States under-19 champion and has not suffered a loss since 1998.



Karin Higgins / Daily Staff

Crews worked all day Wednesday to set up the various platforms and stages for the Titan Games in the Event Center. The games start today and will run through Sunday.

Sydney bronze medalist Cheryl Haworth combines with tenth place finisher Shane Hamman to form perhaps America's best chance at 2004 Olympic gold.

Haworth lifts Friday night while Hamman raises the bar on Saturday.

"America hasn't had strong weightlifters in some time," Brunner said. "They both have a chance to lift for American records this weekend."

Saturday's Session III (noon-3 p.m.) and IV (7 p.m.-10 p.m.) feature every sport but the shot put and include medal round matches in boxing.

Planning for the inaugural Titan Games began 15 months ago. The USOC looked at different venues across the nation before deciding on San Jose.

Brunner said that San Jose was a strong candidate for these games

because of its unique ethnic makeup and the countries scheduled to attend the Titan Games.

"There's definite international appeal to these games," Brunner said. "You have first generation and in some cases, second and third generation people living here. The Mexican teams are strong here as with the Asian sports (judo, karate, taekwondo)."

Santa Clara University, HP Pavilion and the Tom McHenry Convention Center were suggested as possible sites. The Event Center won out because of its size and location.

Dan Munroe, executive director of the San Jose Sports Authority, wouldn't answer when asked if, what monetary amounts, SJSU would receive from hosting the Titans Games.

"(The USOC) is paying a rental fee for the Event Center," Munroe said.

"We can't make public what anyone is spending."

"Ticket prices for the Titan Games are \$28 for lower level and \$24 for upper level seating, per session. SJSU students and faculty receive 50 percent off of the admission price."

"The best athletes in the world are coming out," said Munroe, who estimates that the Event Center will be sold at 70-80 percent capacity for each session. "\$20 and up for each ticket seemed appropriate."

If the Titan Games are a success, Brunner envisions other themed Olympic sporting events, such as the "blade games" for ice events and "an event that encompasses all of the racquet sports in the games."

"We're saying that this is the first step in a marathon of things we'd like to do," Brunner said. "After the recent

problems and scandals that have plagued the USOC, we want to get out good name out there. We want to give it back to the athletes."

On Friday, the Cuban boxing team pulled out of the event, citing technical difficulties within the boxing federation.

The USOC replaced the Cuban team with another squad of American boxers.

"It's not unusual for foreign teams to make adjustments, especially with all of the heightened geo-political events," said Chris Sullivan, Executive Liaison to USOC CEO Lloyd Ward said.

Sullivan denied that a possible defection had anything to do with the Cuban team canceling its trip.

"Cuban athletes have the chance to defect anytime they go abroad," Sullivan said.

Spartan basketball shoots over Pacific to islands

By Chris Giovannetti
Daily Senior Staff Writer

The San Jose State University men's basketball team will be working on more than its tan when it takes on the University of Hawaii on Saturday.

SPARTAN BASKETBALL IN THE PAINT NOTEBOOK

"This is a business trip, there's no doubt about it," forward Brett Lilly said. "We're going there to win a basketball game."

Tip-off at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu is scheduled for 5 p.m.

The Spartans have contested most of the 2002-2003 season short on personnel — literally. The tallest starter is 6-foot-5-inch forward Keith Everage.

SJSU registered its first Western Athletic Conference victory of the season on Jan. 18 with a 79-67 victory over the Rainbow Warriors and expects to use the same game plan against them on Saturday.

The Spartans utilized a spread offense and a man-to-man defense to shut down the Hawai'i sharp shooting duo of guards Carl English and Mark Campbell.

The Spartans held English to a season-low six points.

"We have to bring the same intensity we did the first time," guard Maurice Moore said. "We have to play tough. (Hawai'i) is ripe for the picking again."

Everage scored 14 points against Hawai'i and said the key to winning

again would be eliminating the Rainbow Warriors' post presence.

"If we keep the same intensity down there, box out, rebound and get into their faces, their big guys will give up," Everage said.

Following Hawai'i's loss at SJSU, Rainbow Warrior head coach Riley Wallace stated that his team would, "Take care of (SJSU) in (Hawai'i)."

The Rainbow Warriors (6-6 WAC, 13-8 overall) are 12-0 at home this season and own the nation's fifth-longest home winning streak.

"You just have to feed off of the crowd in Honolulu," Lilly said. "If we get off to a good start, we might be able (to take the crowd out of it). It's good when that place is dead silent."

While SJSU is in Hawai'i first for business and second for pleasure, Johnson realizes a trip to Honolulu can't be all work and no play.

The Spartans fly out this morning and are scheduled to practice tonight and Friday before Saturday's game.

"We're there to play a game but you have to let the guys have a couple of hours," Johnson said with a laugh. "But if we lose, we might just start flying out on Saturday and come right back."

Still, some players might not take his advice.

When asked what he was bringing to the beach, Lilly answered with a smile, "my (textbooks)."

Guards Brandon Hawkins and Keith West have been sick this week but are both expected to travel.

The Spartans return home to battle rival Fresno State University (10-2 WAC, 17-4 overall) on Wednesday. But don't tell them that.

"We haven't even looked at Fresno," Johnson said. "We know it's a big game with their fans and people and it's a rivalry but we haven't even thought about it yet."

The Spartans whipped the Bulldogs 91-64 on Jan. 9, 1999, the last time a Johnson-led SJSU club played Fresno State at the Event Center.

That season, the Bulldogs were on the cusp of breaking into Top-25 polls and this season, an upset might prove just as huge.

Fresno State leads the WAC by one game over the University of Nevada-Reno (8-3 WAC, 13-8 overall).

"This team isn't as good or as experienced. We had more veterans and that team was bigger. We have a 6-foot-5-inch freshman starting for us and that team had a 6-foot-8-inch and 6-foot-9-inch guy," Johnson said.

"I thought that team could win any night," said Johnson, whose 1998-1999 squad that finished 12-16, nine more wins than the previous year's 3-23 squad accumulated. "This team is starting to feel that way too. At the WAC tournament, I think we'll have a chance."

Women's basketball

The Spartan women's basketball team continues its homestand on Sunday, eight days after nearly registering the biggest victory in the history of the program.

SJSU (4-6 WAC, 8-12 overall) dropped a 66-59 decision to No. 9 Louisiana Tech University on Feb. 8. The Spartans had a chance to take the lead with under a minute to play before a turnover cost them the game.

Spartan guard Cricket Williams said the mood during Tuesday's practice was subdued.

"We wasn't disappointed but we wasn't excited neither," said Williams, who scored 28 points in the loss. "We all thought we should have won. We wasn't down or sad. We was just there."

Tip-off for Sunday's game against the Rainbow Wahine (6-5 WAC, 12-8 overall) is scheduled for 2 p.m.

SJSU football signees total 33, nine offensive linemen included

Daily Staff Report

Junior college transfer William Obeng, a 6-foot-8-inch, 290-pound lineman from Mesabi Range College, signed a National Letter of Intent to attend San Jose State University this fall.

He is a 2002 JC Grid Wire preseason All-American and is projected to compete for playing time at offensive tackle. He is the 33rd player to sign with SJSU and the ninth offensive lineman.

Softball

The San Jose State University-Santa Clara University softball game originally scheduled for Wednesday was rescheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 due to rainy weather. The Spartans will play Bowling Green State University, Indiana University, Eastern Illinois University, Marshall University and New Mexico State University at

the New Mexico State Tournament in Las Cruces, N.M. this weekend.

Baseball

Back-to-back home runs with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning led the University of California-Berkeley to a 4-3 win over San Jose State University

Tuesday afternoon at Evans Diamond in Berkeley.

SJSU opens its 2003 home season with a three game series against UC Santa Barbara at 2:30 p.m. on Friday at Municipal Stadium. The first pitch for Saturday and Sunday's games are scheduled for 1 p.m.

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